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King Staff Attorney Enters Guilty Plea

A congressional staff attorney in Memphis investigating the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., pleaded guilty to a charge of failure to maintain control in connection with a traffic accident July 30, but charges of driving while intoxicated and public drunkenness were dismissed.

Jeremy Ray Akers, 35, of Washington, D.C., pleaded guilty to a charge of failure to maintain control of his vehicle in City Court Division VIII yesterday. He paid a fine of $25 plus $20 court costs and a $2 state fee assessed by Judge Robert H. Love.

Akers was arrested in connection with a two-car collision on Interstate 240 near Getwell, after his car collided with the rear of a car being towed by an eastbound wrecker on the interstate, police said.

No police officers were present to testify although Phillip Kuhn, Akers' attorney, said they had been given proper notice of the hearing.